

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 621

By Durham

A RESOLUTION recognizing Walker Farm, a Tennessee Century Farm.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor and recognize those exceptional farming families who, through their dedication to the ancient and esteemed traditions of agriculture, have made significant contributions to their respective communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, the Walker family certainly ranks among those estimable Tennessee farming families; Walker Farm, owned and operated by the family since 1900, has been designated a Tennessee Century Farm in recognition of its long and illustrious history; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Century Farms Program recognizes those families who have owned and farmed the same land for over a century, and also documents and interprets the State's history and culture of farming; and

WHEREAS, Walker Farm was founded in 1900 by William Thomas Walker and his wife, Harriet Beech Walker; Mr. and Mrs. Walker produced grains, fruits, horses, mules, swine, cattle, and sheep on the 180-acre farm; they also owned and operated a grist mill and saw mill for making lumber; and

WHEREAS, William and Harriet had ten children, and their son, William George Walker, was the member of the next generation to own the farm; he was married to Era Francis Overby Walker, and the couple had six children; and

WHEREAS, Joseph and Era continued to raise the same livestock, grains, and fruits; and

WHEREAS, today, owner Carl H. Walker, Sr., along with four generations of the Walker family live on the farm; and

WHEREAS, under their ownership, Walker Farm raises beef cattle, hay, fruits, and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State, the strength of its communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as the members of the Walker family, who have demonstrated a deep respect for tradition and hard work and a love for the land; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate owner Carl H. Walker, Sr., whose Walker Farm has been designated a Tennessee Century Farm, commend Mr. Walker and his family for their dedication to agriculture, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.